

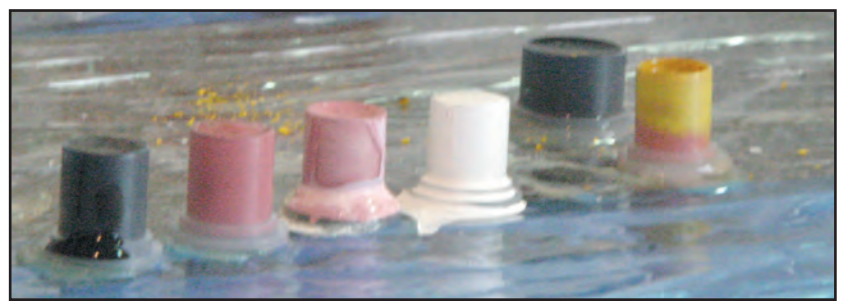
# Hawaii MARINE ON POINT

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Tattoo artists use and mix different color inks to get the perfect color for shading and outlining tattoos.



Justin Hendrick, tattoo artist, 808 Tattoo, works on a back piece for Lance Cpl. Adam J. Blaylock, motor technician, Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, April 20, at 808 Tattoo.



When picking a tattooist make sure the shop has a autoclave. The autoclave sterilizes all of the artists tubes to ensure cleanliness.



There are many different tattoo machines, needles and tubes that are all used for different types of tattoo. Some are used for outlining and others for shading or coloring. When getting a tattoo make sure the artist is using a sterilized tube and brand new needle.

Once considered tasteless and looked down upon by society, tattoos have become a big trend in mainstream America, said Billy L. Whitney, a tattooist at 808 Tattoo.

Although, tattoos have been part of the armed forces history for centuries they're not encouraged in the United States Marine Corps.

Having or getting a tattoo is not against regulations but each Marine must ensure, if they get one, that it's within the guidelines set forth on Marine Corps Order P1020.34G, which states: "Tattoos and brands on the neck and head are prohibited. In other areas of the body, tattoos or brands that are prejudicial to good order, discipline and morale or are of a nature to bring discredit upon the Marine Corps are also prohibited."

In addition there are restrictions for those that are interested in special duty assignments like recruiters, drill instructors and Marine Security Guard details.

All special duties have a screening process but you are limiting what you're able to do in the Marine Corps when you get tattoos all over you arms, said Sgt Michael R. Sanders.

Still numerous service members frequent tattoo parlors.

Marines are known for being the most common of military personnel to get a "motto" tattoo, said tattooist Justin Hendrick.

"I would probably say over 50 percent of the business we do at my shop is from Marines and Sailors," said Whitney. "I think it's mainly because they all seem to have a lot more pride in their service because it's supposed to be the hardest with the longest boot camp."

"We do a lot of the standard Eagle, Globe and Anchor and U.S.M.C. tattoos but a lot of Marines are getting memorial tattoos now it seems," said 30-year-old Whitney. "It's cool because we really appreciate what the military does for us. So to sort of thank them my shop gives all military personnel a 10 percent discount and we specialize in doing custom art work so when a Marine or Sailor comes in with an idea of what they want, it's better for both of us because we can be creative and make them something really cool instead of the standard U.S.M.C. tattoo you see on a lot of Marines arms. I mean that's really what it should be all about, being different and having something no one else has."

Corporal Jon C. Adams, administration clerk, Headquarters Battalion, said he got his "motto" tattoo right after Marine Combat Training.

"I was motivated and loved the fact that I was in the Marine Corps," said Adams. "All of my friends and I went to the tattoo shop together and we all pretty much ended up getting some sort of tattoo to signify the Marine Corps."

According to Adams, Marines seem to be the most loyal and proud of their service.

"Even now, when I go out, I'll see people from all generations with an Eagle, Globe and Anchor or something to show their love for the Corps, which I think is a prime example of why we're considered the best," said Adams, an Iceland native. "To be honest I don't think I've ever seen a soldier with a tattoo that says 'Army,'. I guess tattoos are just another thing that separates us from them, and keeps us the few and the proud."

Cpl. Robert A. Straub, heavy equipment mechanic, 3rd Radio Battalion, displays his full sleeve April 23, at 808 Tattoo. The current Marine Corps order, P1020.34G prohibits Marines from getting tattoos or brands on their neck and or head.

